

MINUTES

**STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021
9:00 a.m.**

**VIA TELEPHONE AT 1-240-454-0887
MEETING CODE: 610.915.440
BY VIDEO AT:**

<https://IndianaEnhanced.Webex.com/join/PLAWebex>

Members Present:

Opal Kuhl, Chair
Steve Gillman, Vice
Jason Durr
Tim Jensen
Greg Morical
Sam Reed
Susan Zellers

Members Absent:

Attending Administrative Staff:

Amy Hall - Board Director
Chris Shea-Russell – Assistant Board Director
Donald ‘Ned’ Hannah - Board Counsel
Marjorie Addington - Court Reporter

CALL TO ORDER – Opal Kuhl called to order the meeting at **9:01 a.m.**

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – A motion was made by Steve Gillman and seconded by Greg Morical to adopt and approve the amended agenda that adds Robert Notary reinstatement. Motion carries 7/0/0

ROLL CALL

Opal Kuhl,	AYE
Steve Gillman,	AYE
Jason Durr	AYE
Tim Jensen	AYE
Greg Morical	AYE
Sam Reed	AYE
Susan Zellers	AYE

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2021 BOARD MEETING

Motion made by Greg Morical and seconded by Sam Reed to approve the MARCH 23, 2021 minutes.

Motion carries 7/0/0

ROLL CALL

Opal Kuhl,	AYE
Steve Gillman,	AYE
Jason Durr	AYE
Tim Jensen	AYE
Greg Morical	AYE
Sam Reed	AYE
Susan Zellers	AYE

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Kiely Keesler provided a report from the attorney general’s office of current complaints and litigation matters. She noted that the attorney general’s office has a target of the average age of open litigation matters and consumer complaints not to exceed one year.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

1. **Norman Wesley Lee – Cause No: 2019SBRPE0003**
Petition to Withdraw from Probation

Norman Lee appeared virtually before the board for his petition to withdraw from probation. He discussed and personally certified that he has completed the required continuing education and that there have been no criminal convictions. He has completed the required probation requirements. He is still working with the same employer, with more responsibilities.

Motion made by Greg Morical and seconded by Steve Gillman to grant the Petition to Withdraw from Probation.

Motion carries 7/0

ROLL CALL

Opal Kuhl,	AYE
Steve Gillman,	AYE
Jason Durr	AYE
Tim Jensen	AYE
Greg Morical	AYE
Sam Reed	AYE
Susan Zellers	AYE

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Firooz Zandi

Firooz Zandi appeared telephonically before the Board for his quarterly Board appearance as required per the terms of his probation.

He wanted to ask about the letter he was required to send out. One letter is needed to be send to the client, not multiple ones.

Basar Civelek – FE Waiver Request

Basar Civelek appeared virtually before the Board to discuss his FE waiver request. If another licensing jurisdiction issued him an EI license, then he would be able to proceed with licensure without the FE exam.

Motion made by Greg Morical and seconded by Susan Zellers to deny Basar Civelek's FE waiver request.

Motion carries 7/0

ROLL CALL

Opal Kuhl,	AYE
Steve Gillman,	AYE
Jason Durr	AYE
Tim Jensen	AYE
Greg Morical	AYE
Sam Reed	AYE
Susan Zellers	AYE

REVISED MOTION

Motion made by Greg Morical and seconded by Steve Gillman to table Basar Civelek's FE waiver request.

Motion carries 7/0

ROLL CALL

Opal Kuhl,	AYE
Steve Gillman,	AYE
Jason Durr	AYE
Tim Jensen	AYE
Greg Morical	AYE
Sam Reed	AYE
Susan Zellers	AYE

Robert Notary – Reinstatement

Robert Notary appeared virtually before the Board to discuss his reinstatement question.

He received his PE license in 1984. Shortly thereafter he moved and practiced engineering in other states. He has recently moved back to Indiana and wishes to reinstate his license. He did not maintain his Indiana license. He has worked in the engineering field and held an active license in other states.

Motion made by Steve Gillman and seconded by Sam Reed to reinstate his license pending payment of reinstatement fee.

Motion carries 7/0

ROLL CALL

Opal Kuhl,	AYE
Steve Gillman,	AYE
Jason Durr	AYE
Tim Jensen	AYE
Greg Morical	AYE
Sam Reed	AYE
Susan Zellers	AYE

APPLICATION REVIEW

NONE

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **NCEES Central Zone recap – Opal Kuhl and Sam Reed**

Recapped the Central Zone Meeting. Sam Reed was elected to the Central Zone Secretary/Treasurer position. There were discussions during the forums for engineers, surveyors and MBAs. There was discussion about decoupling during these forums. Review of decoupling for reciprocity applicants needs to occur. Fire protection leadership was a discussion during the forums.

NCEES had a revenue loss last year. They are financially strong, but the students are not avidly taking FE exams, which is a revenue maker for NCEES. Schools of engineering do not discuss becoming licensed or promote licensure.

NCEES website offers podcasts that Opal provided information about.

1. Rules Discussion

Review of FE requirements for licensure via reciprocity.

Discussion about the lack of students taking the FE was brought up again. Most students do not feel the need to take the FE exam. ISPE offers free membership to students. The importance is not suggested by the professors since they are not licensed. Need the importance of taking the FE impressed on students for the importance of the exam.

Technology graduates need to be kept in mind as well, for licensure. They are not being told that they do not qualify for licensure in Indiana.

2. **Number of licenses issued since last meeting:**
EI: 19
PE: 141

Meeting adjourned at 10:12